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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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 All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the response filed on November 3, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,7-9 and 11.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael Kroll on October 2, 2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 1 has been rewritten as follows:

--1. (Currently Amended) A tape dispenser for holding a plurality of rolls of tape, comprising:

a) a substantially rigid housing having a front face, a rear side, and a pair of opposing side walls extending between said front face and rear side, said opposing side walls each having ~~[[have]]~~ a front edge, wherein said rear side comprises a rear surface and said front face is open forming a cavity therein between said opposing side walls for receiving a plurality of rolls of tape therein;

b) a plurality of horizontally disposed notches that are disposed on the ~~[[a]]~~ front edge of each of said opposing side walls, said notches being spaced apart along said walls, wherein each notch disposed on a first one of said ~~[[first]]~~ opposing side

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walls is aligned with a notch on a second one of said ~~second~~ opposing side walls to form respective pairs of cooperatively aligned notches, each of said notches having a downwardly disposed groove disposed in a side thereof opposite the front edge; and

c) a spindle for receiving a roll of tape thereon, said spindle having first and second opposing ends wherein a first end of said spindle is disposed in a first of a respective pair of grooves and a second end of said spindle is disposed in a second of said respective pair of grooves to permit the ends of the spindle to rotate in the grooves and to be removably secured in the grooves;

d) a plurality of serrated edges being disposed on a ~~[[said]]~~ front of said housing adjacent each said pair of notches, wherein said serrated edges are substantially perpendicular to said side walls, wherein said serrated edges are positioned adjacent each of said pairs of notches to permit a piece of tape to be cut off of a roll of tape disposed in the tape dispenser;

e) a dust cover being disposed on said front of said housing so that said cover can be attached to the housing and then removed from the housing, wherein said dust cover has top and bottom opposing ends, wherein said bottom end is ~~[[be]]~~ pivotally attached to a first end ~~said rear side~~ of said housing and said top end is releasably locked to a second end of ~~rear side of~~ said housing to permit the tape dispenser to be selectively covered by the dust cover, and said bottom end of said dust cover comprises a pivot ~~pivoting nub~~ disposed on said bottom of said wall of said housing and a locking nub disposed on said top of said wall of said housing; and

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f) finger notches ~~[[being]]~~ disposed in said front edges of said sidewalls in a spaced apart manner adjacent the spindles to permit fingers of a user to grasp the tape.--.

Claim 7 has been rewritten as follows:

-- 7. (Currently Amended) The tape dispenser of Claim 1, wherein said rear ~~[[back]]~~ surface of said housing has a plurality of apertures therein, wherein said apertures are spaced apart to permit the housing to be attached to a wall by having fasteners pass through the apertures.--.

In the Specification

In the replacement paragraph for the paragraph beginning on page 20, line 10 submitted in the amendment filed September 16, 2005:

line 5, "spacers" has been changed to --spacer--.

Remarks

3. The above changes have been made for further clarity and to correct informalties.

Additional Prior Art

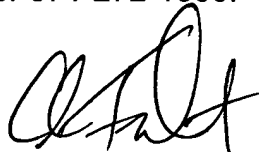
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The newly-cited prior art disclose inventions which have features similar to the claimed invention. However, these inventions, each taken alone or in combination with the prior art of record, do not teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (571)272-4505. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on (571)272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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